Corporation to construct an underground railway underpass for crossing of people from one side of the track to other side at Pedda, Margao-Goa;

(b) whether the plan of the tunnel has been approved;

(c) the amount contributed by the State Government in this regard;

(d) by what date the construction is likely to commence; and

(e) the period within which, construction is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government have proposed to the Konkan Railway Corporation to construct an underground railway underpass for crossing of light vehicles from one side of the track to the other side at Pedda, Margao-Goa on Deposit Term Basis.

(b) The General Arrangement drawings of the proposed underpass have been approved. The design and detailed drawings are under finalization.

(c) The State Government has deposited an amount of Rs. 207.89 lacs towards the construction of the underpass as a 'Deposit Work'.

(d) Soil investigations have been conducted. The execution of the work is likely to commence by the end of September 2006.

(e) Around 8 months' period for completion of this work is envisaged.

Passenger halt at Nalconagar

† 1310. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received or any demand has been raised to provide a passenger halt at Nalconagar in the Angul district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken, so far, in this direction, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Demands have been received for provision of a passenger halt at Nalconagar. The same have been examined and not found financially viable.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.